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Applicants : Chee Weng Yee et al.
Application No. : 09/674,355
Filed : January 16, 2001
For : AUTOMATIC BRIGHTNESS LIMITATION FOR
AVOIDING VIDEO SIGNAL CLIPPING

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REMARKS AFTER ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Notice of Allowance dated August 8, 2006, applicants note that the first named inventor and filing date are incorrect. The filing date and first named inventor are as follows:

Filing Date: January 16, 2001

First Named Inventor: Chee Weng Yee

Applicants respectfully request that U.S. Patent and Trademark Office records be corrected prior to issuance to reflect the correct filing date and inventor data on the issued patent.

Applicants have attached a copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney as filed on January 16, 2001, a copy of the PTO date-stamped return receipt postcard and a copy of the Notification of Acceptance of Application Under 35 USC 371 as evidence of the correct filing date and inventors.

Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact Mr. Tarleton by telephone at (206) 622-4900.

Respectfully submitted,

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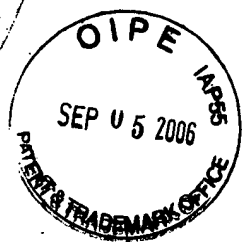
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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As the below-named inventors, we declare that:

Our residences, post office addresses, and citizenships are as stated below under our names.

We believe we are the original, first, and joint inventors of the invention entitled "AUTOMATIC BRIGHTNESS LIMITATION FOR AVOIDING VIDEO SIGNAL CLIPPING," which is described and claimed in the specification and claims of International Patent Application No. PCT/SG98/00031, which was filed on 30 April 1998 and for which a patent is sought.

We have reviewed and understand the contents of the foregoing specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to herein (if any).


We acknowledge our duty to disclose information of which we are aware which is material to the patentability and examination of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a).

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119 of the foreign patent application listed below:

PRIOR FOREIGN/PCT APPLICATION(S) AND ANY PRIORITY CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 119:			
COUNTRY	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 35 USC 119
PCT	PCT/SG98/00031	30 April 1998	YES

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We further declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that the making of willfully false statements and the like is punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and may jeopardize the validity of any patent issuing from this patent application.



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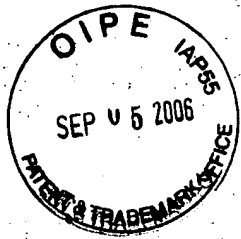
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Kindly acknowledge receipt of the below-listed documents by placing your receiving stamp hereon and mailing:

Response to Missing Requirements for US National Stage Application 09/674,355, based upon PCT/SG98/00031, filed 30 April 1998, entitled "AUTOMATIC BRIGHTNESS LIMITATION FOR AVOIDING VIDEO SIGNAL CLIPPING" consisting of: Response to Notification of Missing Requirements (1 page); Request for Extension of Time (1 page); Declaration and Power of Attorney (3 pages); Copy of Form PCT/DO/EO/905; Check #14622 in the amount of \$110; Express Mail Certification (1 page).

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NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371
AND 37 CFR 1.494 OR 1.495

1. The applicant is hereby advised that the United States Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as ☐ a Designated Office (37 CFR 1.494), ☒ an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495), has determined that the above identified international application has met the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371, and is **ACCEPTED** for national patentability examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

2. The United States Application Number assigned to the application is shown above and the relevant dates are:

16 JAN 2001 CLS
35 U.S.C. 102(e) DATE

16 JAN 2001 CLS
DATE OF RECEIPT OF
35 U.S.C. 371 REQUIREMENTS

A Filing Receipt (PTO-103X) will be issued for the present application in due course. **THE DATE APPEARING ON THE FILING RECEIPT AS THE "FILING DATE" IS THE DATE ON WHICH THE LAST OF THE 35 U.S.C. 371(C) REQUIREMENTS HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE. THIS DATE IS SHOWN ABOVE.** The filing date of the above identified application is the international filing date of the international application (Article 11(3) and 35 U.S.C. 363). Once the Filing Receipt has been received, send all correspondence to the Group Art Unit designated thereon.

3. ☒ A request for immediate examination under 35 U.S.C. 371(f) was received on 30 OCT 2000 and the application will be examined in turn.

4. The following items have been received:

☒ U.S. Basic National Fee.

☒ Copy of the international application in:

☐ a non-English language.

☒ English.

☒ Translation of the international application into English.

☒ Oath or Declaration of inventors(s) for DO/EO/US.

☐ Copy of Article 19 amendments. ☐ Translation of Article 19 amendments into English.

The Article 19 amendments ☐ have ☐ have not been entered.

☒ The International Preliminary Examination Report in English and its Annexes, if any.

☒ Copy of the Annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report (IPER).

☒ Translation of Annexes to the IPER into English.

The Annexes ☒ have ☐ have not been entered.

☐ Preliminary amendment(s) filed _____ and _____.

☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) filed _____ and _____.

☐ Assignment document.

☐ Power of Attorney and/or Change of Address.

☐ Substitute specification filed _____.

☐ Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status.

☐ Priority Document.

☒ Copy of the International Search Report ☒ and copies of the references cited therein.

☐ Other:

Applicant is reminded that any communication to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above. (37 CFR 1.5)

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